ginning to the present. This is succeeded by chapters on population and on each of the main phases of the culture and institutions of the country—political, economic, philosophical and religious, •social, aesthetic, and intellectual. Under most of these topics a description is given of the structure of Chinese life as it developed iefore the coming of the European, and is followed by an account jf the modifications of the past few years. To each chapter is appended a brief bibliography (by no means exhaustive) of the ,aore important books and articles on the subject. Some standard Chinese works are included, not because the reader is likely to I.ronsult them or because the author has gone through them all (for i/2 has not), but to give some slight indication of the wealth of Chinese material which exists and to suggest some of the places in which original research in the sources must begin. The order of each bibliography is usually (1) works in Chinese and translations of Chinese material, (2) books in European languages on the general subject of the chapter, and (3) articles and books on special phases of the subject of the chapter arranged in the sequence in which these phases are treated. The paraphernalia of footnotes will be missed by some, but references for particular paragraphs can usually be quickly discovered either in the books which cover in general the subject of the chapter or in the special articles and monographs, listed as are these latter in the order in which the topics occur. At the end of the second volume, just before the index, a list of the Chinese names in the text will be found, arranged alphabetically according to their romanization and each with its corresponding Chinese characters. No one system of romanization meets with the approval of all sinologists, but

in the main the one most frequently used in books in English, that of Sir Thomas Wade, has here been followed.

The book is in no sense either a repetition or an enlargement of the author's *The Development of China)* but is an entirely independent work meant to perform a different function. *The Development of China* is intended as the shortest possible introduction to China and its history and as a text for brief, elementary courses on the Far East. The present work is meant to be a fairly ill summary and interpretation of what is known about the .linese, both for the general reader and for longer, more detailed college and university courses on China.

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